

Professional Development Opportunity – Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT)

El Morro is recruiting for a current teacher, emphasis on elementary grades, but not exclusive to those grades. We are recruiting at multiple schools in McKinley, Cibola, and Bernalillo Counties.

Starts: June (flexible dates)

Ends: September (flexible dates before September 3)

Why apply?

- 3 graduate continuing education credits through University of Colorado, Denver (CU Denver).
- Engage in national parks and with park resources.
- Develop at least one lesson to be used in your classroom or school.
- Assist the park with an education project.
- Increase your understanding of place-based learning.
- While participating in the program, teachers are considered “student interns” through the University of Colorado, Denver (CU Denver)
- Link with teachers across the nation.
- Park housing will be provided to the TRT.
- TRT who fulfill all NPS and CU Denver program requirements (including online course) will receive a stipend payment at the end of the summer. If for some reason the teacher fails to complete the course, they will receive no stipend payment. The stipend is paid at the once the project has been submitted. All compensation to the TRT will be the responsibility of CU Denver.
- CU Denver will issue the TRT an IRS income tax statement. The TRT will be responsible for paying all income taxes on the program compensation from CU Denver.

Why the park is doing this?

- To increase the quality and variety of educational offerings to students interested in El Morro National Monument and engage teachers in developing a high quality curriculum based program.
- TRT is the centerpiece of a larger NPS Teacher Corps concept. The NPS Teacher Corps is an umbrella concept that incorporates all of the ways that educators interact with the NPS.
- Teachers will develop the programs they would like to see offered at El Morro National Monument.
- Teachers will develop the materials they would like students to use, and material they can use in the classroom as pre and/or post visit lessons.

What is involved?

- The TRT will equal approximately 230 hours of effort. Most of this can be completed at the time and place most convenient to the teacher/participant (at home, at school, or at the park).
- The park-based project will use 184 hours of effort or about 80% of the time.
- Up to 10% of your time (approximately 23 hours) experiencing park operations, working with park visitors, attending park ranger interpretive programs, and learning about the work of the different divisions within a park. This will be in El Morro National Monument, Ramah, New Mexico.

What is required?

Teacher-Ranger-Teacher application form, resume, and statement of support from your Principal
Pass a Basic National Agency Check and Inquires (NACI) background check (paid by the park)

Desired skills for a Teacher-Ranger-Teacher:

- Experience with students in elementary grades.
- Experiences with or willing to learn computer programs such as Word, PowerPoint, and/or Adobe InDesign.